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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the continued examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

- 22. (New) The method according to claim 8 wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is an inhibitor which satisfies at least one requirement selected from the group consisting of (a), (b), and (c):
- a. the ratio of the IC50 level on eNOS to that on iNOS is 25 or above;
- b. the ratio of the IC50 level on nNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above; and
- c. the ratio of the IC50 level on cNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above.